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Classified By: Political Counselor Kathy Fitzpatrick; reason 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Poloff shared REF A points on March 21 with MFA Subdirector General for the Middle East Maria Teresa Lizaranzu, who oversees issues related to the Arab League. Poloff reviewed the need that Arab League members use their influence to persuade Sudan to move forward on the Darfur peace accord and concerns regarding resistance by some Arab League members to a UN peacekeeping operation in Sudan. Lizaranzu expressed appreciation for the USG points, noted the Embassy's previous intervention on a related matter (REF B), and said she would share the information with colleagues, but did not indicate that Spain would follow up with Arab League interlocutors.

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